

Quorum Court Minutes

2/23/15

Resolution 2015-3 - PASSED

AGENDA
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT
February 23, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Assembly and Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING PRAYER

1. Roll Call

II. Approval of minutes for January, 2015 meeting.

III Committee Reports:

- a. **Public Service Committee Report.** - D. Tennison read
- b. **Finance and Administration Committee Report.** - K. Stacks
- c. **Roads and Transportation Report.** - R. Kidd

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- 1. **Bid Opening for purchase of an Excavator for Road Dept.** → Couch
- 2. **Tax Back Resolution concerning TeleTech Services Corporation,**
2908 S. Caraway Rd., Jonesboro, AR 72401 all pass

Couch/Wainstock
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February 23, 2015 Quorum Court Meeting

13 Justices of the Peace Present

Judge Ed Hill called the meeting to order

Justice Barbara Weinstock moved to approve the minutes from the meetings occurring during January 2015 with no changes, this was seconded by Justice Josh Longmire. All voted to approve the motion and accept the minutes.

Justice David Tennison read the Public Service Committee report. – *Appendix 1*

Justice Ken Stacks read the Finance Committee report. – *Appendix 2*

Justice Stacks addressed the Court on the Finance Committee's responsibility in the absence of election costs being billed in the past few years, stating that moving forward the committee will look into the finances thoroughly. Justice Ray Kidd questioned how much money the county is owed. Jeanette Robinson stated that a final amount was not available as of yet. The Court was informed that billing was not done for 2013 and 2014 elections as well as elections for school and municipalities as far back as 2008. Robinson assured the Court that the Election Commission would work to collect money from the schools on the county's behalf. Justice Weinstock, Justice Stacks, and Justice Kidd praised Robinson for her handling of the situation. Robinson looks forward to the Election Commission having a more hands on approach with future coordinators and technicians.

Justice Ray Kidd read the Road and Transportation Committee report. – *Appendix 3*

Justice Terry Couch read the bid for the Excavator as follows:

Heartland Equipment	\$154,000.00	Buyback (3 years, less than 3000 hrs)	\$80,00.00
Stribling	\$158,500.00	Buyback (3 years, less than 3000 hrs)	\$133,000.00
Riggs	\$171,337.00	Buyback	Not offered

A representative from TeleTech Services Corporation addressed the Court briefly.

Resolution 2015-3 was read – *Appendix 4*. Justice Terry Couch moved to pass. Justice Weinstock seconded. Passed unanimously.

Justice Kidd asked Sheriff Marty Boyd for an update on the overcrowding of the detention center. Boyd said that 11 inmates had been moved to state facilities but that more would come to take their place. It is estimated that the state will owe the county over \$600,000 in back payments from the state.

With no further business to be discussed Justice Jim Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Justice Max Render.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
Public Service Committee
February 9, 2015

Public Service Committee assembled after briefing by Judge Ed Hill.

Members present: Chair David Tennison, Richard Rogers, Fred Bowers, and Billie Sue Hoggard.

Brief discussion among members of Public Service, no action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

February 9, 2015

Finance Committee Members present: Chairman Ken Stacks, Vice Chair Josh Longmire, and Justices Jim Bryant, Barbara Weinstock, and Garry Meadows.

Press: Cord Rapert, Jonesboro Sun

Others present: Al Haines, County Treasurer Terry McNatt, County Collector Marsha Phillips, County Clerk Kade Holliday, and other guests.

Justice Stacks called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 7:35 PM after the full court meeting and discussed the following:

Reviewed revenue and expenditure reports for January 2015.

McNatt presented a revenue report for 2014 showing revenue projections and receipts. He noted that some revenue codes were changed to reflect a more accurate accounting of revenues and thereby reducing the miscellaneous revenue. Overall revenues were within \$561,984 of projections to the positive side. McNatt also reminded the committee of the shortfall in revenues in the Elections and E911 Dispatch costs. Justice Stacks and the committee are optimistic that a new contract with the City of Jonesboro outlining cost related to the dispatching costs can be negotiated in the near future.

Justice Meadows addressed the committee concerning sales tax. He would like to find a way to make the public, individuals and businesses, aware that even though purchases are made with credit cards and out of state purchases, that sales tax should be paid on those purchases. He believes that if the public is made aware of the tax issue, that individuals are honest and will respond and pay those taxes that are owed.

The committee discussed at length the lack of election costs reimbursement not being addressed in a more timely manner. Justice Stacks will send a letter to the Election Coordinator asking for clarity of the process and current status of the billing process to the State for election cost reimbursement to the County.

McNatt noted that sales tax revenues are up by 4% in January and that sales tax rebates to the State are increasing.

Collector Phillips addressed the committee with current tax collections for January.

The Committee discussed the current salary schedule and ways to bring the salaries of various departments more in line with other similar size counties. Stacks does not believe individual salary adjustments is the correct answer to addressing salary issues. The

Committee unanimously agreed to request that Holliday do an in house salary comparison to other class 6 counties with the understanding that this will be processed by job titles and that various factors will not show a true comparison due to various factors, such as health insurance and other differences, but will show a salary comparison based on similar job titles. Holliday estimates a 2 to 3 week window to complete this comparison.

Additionally, the committee unanimously agreed to ask the County Judge to begin exploring other means of implementing a more equitable job/salary comparison with a merit system by possibly hiring an Human Resources person or hiring an outside firm to conduct and implement a salary and job description survey that will bring all county employees into a more equitable employment situation. Justice Meadows noted that every office has employee issues from time to time and a HR department would help resolve those issues.

With no other business to be discussed, the Finance Committee stood adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Craighead County Quorum Court Meeting
February 9, 2015
Roads and Transportation Committee

Members of the Roads and Transportation Committee assembled after the meeting of the full court. Members present included: Steve Cline, Terry Couch, Ray Kidd, and Max Render.

Others present included Eugene Neff, Judge Hill, and John Reeves

Justice Kidd called the meeting to order after the meeting of the full court:

1. Eugene Neff updated the committee on the monthly road reported distributed during the meeting of the full court.
 - a. Bridge crews are still working on CR 910, have had some issues with the hammer. Currently options are being considered regarding replacement.
 - b. The weather has provided plenty of opportunity to haul gravel and work on roads.
 - c. Met recently with AHTD regarding a bridge closure of CR 602 and Hwy 463. Bridge is 75% State and 25% County. Options are being considered for the best method to replace the structure in cooperation with AHTD and an interested business in that area.
2. Widening of a road between Henson and Hasbrook is on the radar. Most of the material to build up the roadway has been provided by an outside source.
3. There was some discussion related to the material acquisition from the demolition of a building at a local school district.
4. John Reeves address the committee regarding debris on the side of the road. Specifically, trash thrown out of vehicles. It was indicated that maybe we could request public services workers for this since the Environmental Services workers only deal with larger illegal dumping sites and not roadside trash.

With no other business, the committee adjourned.

**Tax Back
Resolution**

RESOLUTION No. 2015-3

RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

WHEREAS, in order to be considered for participation in the Tax Back Program, the local government must endorse a business to participate in the Tax Back Program; and

WHEREAS, the local government must authorize the refund of local sales and use tax as provided in the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and

WHEREAS, said endorsement must be made on specific form available from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, TeleTech Services Corporation, located at 2908 S. Caraway Rd., Jonesboro, Arkansas, has sought to participate in the program and more specifically has requested benefits accruing from adding equipment and making building renovations, to the specific facility; and

WHEREAS, TeleTech Services Corporation, has agreed to furnish the local government all necessary information for compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

1. TeleTech Services Corporation, be endorsed by the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas for benefits from the sales & use tax refunds as provided by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003.
2. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to refund local sales and use taxes to TeleTech Services Corporation.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Craighead County Judge

Date Passed: 2/23/15

Attest: 
Clerk

FILED
FEB 23 2015
KADE HOLLIDAY
COUNTY & PROBATE COURT CLERK